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DEVELOPMENT OF SABARIMALA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to develop Sabarimala in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the said purpose during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has recognized this place as a Pilgrim Centre;and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government for development of this centre?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e): The development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments themselves.However,Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized in consultation with the State Governments under various schemes.

The developmental activities of Sabarimala Pilgrim Centre are undertaken by the Travancore Devaswom Board and line Departments in the State of Kerala.However,the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project for Construction of Pilgrim Facilitation Centre at Sabarimala during 1998-99 for an amount of Rs.104.89 lakh.